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1. An antiaircraft unit, [] approximate strength 170 officers and men, is composed of three batteries and is quartered at the "Dolna Kasarma" (Lower Barracks) in Yambol. 25X1

2. Each battery of this unit includes four officers and two officer candidates and is composed of two platoons which include the following:

- a. Two scouts;
- b. Four observers;
- c. Two telephone operators;
- d. Four gunners;
- e. Eighteen cannoneers; and
- f. Six truck drivers.

3. Each battery is equipped as follows:

- a. Six 37 mm. M-1939 guns;
- b. Six Ford trucks, manufactured in Germany, with two front wheels and two rear half-tracks; these trucks are used to tow guns; and
- c. Three Soviet-made range finders (Ednometrov Steredalekomer Z. D., Baza 1 m. 1946), which have been in use since 1946.

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4. Four of the antiaircraft unit's guns are located on Borovitsa Hill, overlooking Yambol, and the others are kept at the "Dolna Kasarma".

5. [redacted] officer personnel in antiaircraft unit [redacted]

a. Captain Biliderov, commanding officer, headquarters unit [redacted]

b. Captain Katsarski, political officer, headquarters unit [redacted]

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c. Senior Lieutenant Milanov, assistant commanding officer, headquarters unit, [redacted]

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d. Senior Lieutenant Vürzhilov, chief of staff, headquarters unit [redacted]

e. Second Lieutenant Arnaudov, assistant chief of staff, headquarters unit, [redacted]

f. Senior Lieutenant Zlatanov, commanding officer, 1 Battery [redacted]

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g. Lieutenant Fratev, political officer, 1 Battery, [redacted]

h. Lieutenant Dimitrov, assistant commanding officer, 1 Battery [redacted]

i. Second Lieutenant Gerchev, leader of 1 Platoon, 1 Battery [redacted]

j. Second Lieutenant Paev, leader of 2 Platoon, 1 Battery, [redacted]

k. Two officer candidates, names not known, attached to 1 Battery and acting as squad leaders;

l. Lieutenant Georgi Todorov Panavotov, commanding officer, 2 Battery [redacted]

m. Lieutenant Ivan Levterov, political officer, 2 Battery [redacted]

n. Lieutenant Khristov, assistant commanding officer, 2 Battery [redacted]

o. Lieutenant Gerganov, leader of 1 Platoon, 2 Battery, [redacted]

p. Lieutenant Angelinov, leader of 2 Platoon, 2 Battery [redacted]

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q. Officer Candidate Pekhivanski, assistant platoon leader, 2 Battery;

r. Officer Candidate Konstantinov, assistant platoon leader, 2 Battery;

s. Lieutenant Toshkov, commanding officer, 3 Battery [redacted]

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t. Lieutenant Fichev, political officer, 3 Battery

u. Lieutenant Kolev, assistant commanding officer, 3 Battery

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v. Second Lieutenant Todor Yankov, platoon leader, 3 Battery

w. Second Lieutenant Rashkov, platoon leader, 3 Battery

x. Second Lieutenant Toshkov, formerly political officer of 3 Battery

y. Senior Lieutenant Kolev, mess officer

z. Second Lieutenant, name unknown, food supply officer;

aa. Second Lieutenant, name unknown, supply officer;

bb. Lieutenant, name unknown, automotive maintenance officer; and

cc. Lieutenant Ivanchev, ordnance officer

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6. In December 1952, approximately 25 soldiers of 3 Battery were sent to Khaskovo to attend a six- to nine-month artillery training course.

7. In August 1951, the 1 and 2 Battery underwent 45 days of field training in the area of Galata, Varna okoliya. In August 1952, these two batteries underwent 40 days field training in the Kamchiya River estuary area.

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8. Prior to autumn of 1952 operated a training course in Soviet antiaircraft weapons for reservists in the "Dolna Kasarma". This course was discontinued during the harvest season in order that the reservists might work in their fields.

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